

From: Debra Gibson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 4:40 PM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations. the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner Adelstein, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

Sincerely,

Debra Gibson

From: hereshowe2@juno.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 4:41 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

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Date: Thu, Jun 5, 2003 5:50 PM
Subject: FCC Decision, Administration bias for Big Business, Tax Cuts for (guess who)?

FCC DECISION

Mondays FCC decision says two things:

- [1] This administration doesn't care what the people think. The public's opinion is irrelevant even when 97% disagree with what the administration wants.
- [2] Government BY the Corporations, OF the Corporations and FOR the Corporations is alive and well in Washington, DC

BIG BUSINESS/THE ECONOMY

What is especially bad about the obvious increasing power of Big Business is that these businesses, corporations, Big Money, etc. no longer even have any loyalty to the United States.

They are multi-national. They move their headquarters to the Bahamas or wherever taxes are low. They move their manufacturing to Mexico or wherever labor is cheap. Now technical skills (programming, software engineering, help desk positions) are moving to India because it's cheaper.

No one talks about Buy American anymore, because it's impossible to do.

How can you expect consumers to hold up the economy when their jobs are leaving the country?

I've been a faithful voter all my life, but I'm increasingly feeling that my vote doesn't make a difference.

The candidates are pre-chosen by Big Money. All we (the public) get to do is choose between two candidates who were both chosen by Big Money.

TAX CUTS

I believe I'm typical middle class. Almost all my savings/investments/etc are in IRA's and 401's. The dividend tax cut DOES NOT HELP ME BECAUSE ANY DIVIDENDS PAID INTO AN IRA/401 WILL BE TAXED AS REGULAR INCOME WHEN IT IS WITHDRAWN. Also, of course, any Long Term Capital Gains in IRA/401 accounts are TAXED AS REGULAR INCOME WHEN THE MONEY IS WITHDRAWN. How can you say this Tax Cut benefits me?

I don't believe the current U.S. government represents me or makes any decisions with my best welfare as a consideration.

Judy Gilbert

From: Warren and Felicia May
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, Jun 4, 2003 6:13 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Warren and Felicia May (warry@mindspring.com) writes:

Thank you for your vote on June 2. We are horrified and angry at the outcome. It is inappropriate stewardship of the public trust.

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